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The Board of Selectmen held a public meeting with representative from the State of NH DOT to discuss possible upgrade to the intersection of NH Rt. 119 and NH Rt. 12. Proposed roundabout plans and a speed reduction plan were reviewed. Consensus of the meeting narrowed down to two options;

Alternative One: "Peanut" roundabout, this is an elongated oval shape design.

Pros

- Effective method of slowing traffic
- Safer for pedestrian traffic

Cons

- Cost: estimated 1.5 million – might not be approved by State for a number of years
- Difficult for large trucks including emergency vehicles and plow trucks to maneuver
- Large impact on traffic flow during construction, estimated one year
- Will require long term advocacy by Fitzwilliam representative

Alternative Two: Traffic calming speed reduction medians. The speed reduction islands are curbed traffic islands meant to deflect the path of vehicles approaching the Route 12 / Route 119 intersection, thus causing them to slow down. The islands have been placed to be reasonably close to the intersection, but not block any side streets or driveways.

Pros

- Cost: \$500,000 better chance of approval by the State
- Minimal impact on traffic flow during construction
- Permits future additional safety measures such as traffic light

Cons

- Less effective speed reduction

Both of these plans can be viewed at <http://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/fitzwilliam16211/> listed as speed reduction medians and alternative one.

We are looking for your input with regard to these two options. The Board of Selectmen will use these opinions to inform the recommendation to NH DOT. Please contact our office through email fitzwilliamnh@fitzwilliam-nh.gov, no later than October 10, 2016. Please reference intersection in the subject line. Choose an alternative and briefly give your opinion. Please be advised that NH DOT does have the final decision with regard to this matter.